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IN RE APPLICATION OF Masakiyo MATSUMURA, et al.

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FOR: CRYSTALLIZATION APPARATUS AND CRYSTALLIZATION METHOD

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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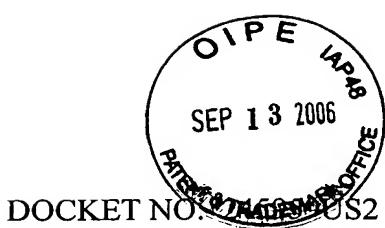
  
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.